

Chemical engineers will soon descend upon San Antonio, TX — the Lone Star State's second-largest city — for the 2010 AIChE Spring Meeting and 6th Global Congress on Process Safety, which will be held March 21–25 at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio. A program schedule, a list of meeting highlights, and registration information are available at www.aiche.org/spring.

The program includes more than 150 sessions and numerous special events on topics ranging from traditional fossil fuels and petrochemicals to renewable and alternative energy sources, from process development to process safety, from distillation to mixing, and much more.

Headlining the event are some of the mainstays of Spring Meetings — the Ethylene Producers' Conference, the Topical Conference on Refinery Processing, the Natural Gas Utilization Conference, and the Distillation Topical Conference. Two other long-time features, the Loss Prevention Symposium (now in its 44th year) and the Process Plant Safety Symposium (in its 12th year), were recently combined with the Center for Chemical Process Safety's (CCPS) International Conference — forming what will this year be the 6th Global Congress on Process Safety.

Energy and the environment. John Hofmeister, founder and chief executive of Citizens for Affordable Energy (CAE) and former president of

Shell Oil Co., kicks off the conference with the Energy Leadership Keynote Address on Monday morning. CAE's mission is to “educate citizens and government officials about pragmatic, non-partisan affordable energy solutions, environmental protection, energy alternatives, efficiency, infrastructure, public policy, competitiveness, social cohesion, and quality of life.” Hofmeister will talk about the need for a balanced energy portfolio that includes fossil fuels and renewable energy sources.

Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has been invited to deliver the Spring Meeting Keynote Address on Monday afternoon. Jackson graduated summa cum laude from Tulane Univ.'s School of Chemical Engineering and earned a master's degree in chemical engineering from

Princeton Univ., and is a member of AIChE.

In September, EPA issued its final rule for mandatory reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from large emitters. AIChE's Environmental Div. will sponsor three hands-on workshops where speakers will explain the rule's requirements and provide detailed guidance on how to comply with the standard. They will cover GHG accounting, reporting, and verification. (gy sources)

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he will announce the winners of the joint AIChE and RMI 10xE Competition. For more on this, see “Revolutionizing Design to Boost Resource Efficiency” on p. 6.

Young professionals. AIChE’s Young Professionals Advisory Board (YPAB) collaborated with several divisions, including the Fuels and Petrochemicals, Process Development, and Management Divisions, to organize several sessions that address the concerns of chemical engineers in the early stages of their career.

For example, the Management

Div. session “Young Professionals

President's Message

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Hank Kohlbrand, 2010 President

Cedomir M. Sliepcevic, professor emeritus at the Univ. of Oklahoma (OU), died on Oct. 22, 2009, at age 89. "Cheddy" (as he was called by his friends and colleagues) devoted his life to teaching and improving the world through technology.

Born in Anaconda, MT, Sliepcevic earned a BS (1941), MS (1942), and PhD (1948) at the Univ. of Michigan, all in chemical engineering. While at Michigan, he helped pioneer a generalized systems approach to thermodynamics that is still used in teaching. Also in the late 1940s, Sliepcevic took part in one of the U.S.'s first bioengineering programs, involving the development of the earliest clinical artificial kidney and leading to the development of modern hemodialysis technology.

Sliepcevic arrived at OU in 1955 as professor and chair of the School of Chemical Engineering, serving as associate dean from 1956 through 1962. His leadership in research, graduate study, accreditation and faculty development revitalized the college. In 1963, he devoted himself full-time to teaching and research. He was named the Robert W. Hughes Centennial Professor of Engineering at OU before retiring in 1991.

Sliepcevic also pioneered the first commercial process for liquefaction and ocean transport of liquefied natural gas (LNG), for which he received the 1986 Gas Industry Research Award from the American Gas Association Operating Section. His technical leadership in this area brought him recognition as "the father of LNG technology."

Among many honors, Sliepcevic received the International Ipatieff Prize from the American Chemical Society, the George Westinghouse Award (ASEE), and AIChE's William H. Walker Award. He was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1972, and, in 1974, he was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. At OU, the C. M. Sliepcevic Professorship in Chemical Engineering was created in his honor.

He is survived by his wife, Cleo. The OU Foundation has established the C.M. Sliepcevic Scholarship Fund in his memory.

OBITUARIES

William E. McWhirter, 81, League City, TX

George W. Michalski, 80, Cedar Hill, TX

Glen W. Olsen, 81, Ballwin, MO

Leonard Wimpfheimer, 77, Westfield, NJ

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